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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

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Daily Activities

Tuchman and Kimmitt met with Dieter Schwebs who is conducting the GAO investigation of the AWACS sale to Iran. He raises all kinds of difficult questions. Among them -- does the Shah know that he is being offered only a stripped down version of the AWACS? I asked Gelb, who doesn't know the answer to that -- nor do we. I have a horrible fantasy of going through a terrible fight on the Hill, winning it at the expense of the President's personal intervention (or something comparable), extending the letter of offer with the technical details to Iran, and then being told by the Shah that this isn't at all what he had in mind. The Administration's credibility in that case would be severely damaged, to say the least.

Tuchman prepared a memorandum on all the Law of the Seas decisions; finished work (with Thornton) on a joint memo on Pakistan; lunched with Gelb; worked on trying to get a Vance letter to the Hill to save the Clinch River Reactor (that is to save its demise); prepared short memoranda on Vietnamese refugee problem, Middle East policy and Genocide Treaty; and attended a briefing by the NRC on the MUF (Material Unaccounted For) problem.

Kimmitt attended Sick's interagency meeting on the Shah's request for an additional 140 F-16s -- the initial letters of offer for the first 160 F-16s were signed by Iran on June 8; spoke with Hans Heymann, NIO for Economics at CIA, who is working on a paper detailing the current projected Israeli-South African arms supply relationship; and attended a meeting at State on recent and prospective U.N. efforts to develop an international system for reporting military expenditures.

Significant Intelligence

Human Rights. Embassy Moscow reports today that a "carefully tailored" KGB campaign has reduced the dissident movement to its lowest point.

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years. Assessment is that the movement approaches Belgrade "totally demoralized and depressed." Embassy Moscow concludes that "KGB success in draining the strength of the dissidents and sapping their confidence is the more remarkable because little more than a year ago it seemed that several dissident factions were coming together and might face the authorities, for the first time, with a relatively united and articulate position." A separate cable reports on the Orlov and Ginzburg cases. Solzhenitsyn has hired a French lawyer who is a member of the Communist Party to defend Ginzburg. He has been refused a visa, but, like Edward Bennett Williams, he plans to be at Belgrade. The expectation is that as a CP member, he will have a much greater impact.

Recent talks with other members of the government reveal that the government of Argentina is deeply split on its assessment of the terrorist movement and its expectation and intention of moving to improve human rights.

Christopher's talks with the Chileans are bearing fruit. They have recently asked what we mean by "due process" and State has explained. Now Embassy Santiago is suggesting that the next step is to provide specifics on which we would like to see improvement: phased removal of DINA's power of detention without judicial supervision; reduction of the GOC's emergency powers; and, guaranteed access to civil courts (due process).

Proliferation. Minister Silveira outlined to Mrs. Carter that Brazil will not sign the Treaty of Tlateloloco because it considers itself already "committed" to it, and wants to pressure the Soviets to accept Tlateloloco (?).

Law of the Seas. The Conference is not going very well. Discussions on deep seabed access are moving slowly. The US position was strongly criticized this week by India, Algeria, Cuba, and indirectly, the USSR. The G-77 is badly split between radicals who want to abandon the Evensen text, and moderates who want to use it as the basis for further discussion. Neither position is terribly hopeful for us.

Arms. In his meeting with Ambassador Herzog, Young suggested that Israel should make a "symbolic gesture" on its arms supply relationship to South Africa, particularly in case a mandatory arms embargo is imposed. Herzog promised to bring it up with Begin.

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